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## Job Search '96: Where are you heading?

by Scott Gomes  
Managing Editor

Welcome to the real world where it's who you know and not what you know. Thousands of people graduate from hundreds of colleges nationwide every year. Each graduate is looking for a high paying job that has decent hours and excellent fringe benefits. How is the job market though? Are we over the depression from just five years ago?

Douglas Sherman a counselor at Fitchburg State's Career Services describes today's job market as "overall, decent but very competitive."

He says there are presently three fields in the job market, which are in high demand for positions to be filled.

Anything to do with the computer industry, especially fiber optics is in high demand. Since Massachusetts got over its depression in the early 1990's, computer companies have since regained their standing. Breakthroughs and new technologies, such as dual platforms and the "next gen" chips, are flooding the market, demanding more people to develop, test, manufacture, produce, and so on.

The health care industry is making its demand for jobs. Unfortunately nursing graduates won't feel this effect. The health industries are trying to move away from traditional hospital care into home care.

Jobs in the Medtech and biotechnology fields are also in de-



Doug Sherman, a coucilor in the Career Services office.

mand.

Education majors will have an easier time seeking employment within the next few years. "The Baby boomers' baby boom" as Sherman referred to it, is the upcoming generation of children who will be going to school for the next 15 years. Additionally, there will be a surplus of teacher retirements during the upcoming years.

Sherman didn't have anything to say about the job market. However, he did note that "anything to do with the state or federal governments is not in high demand." This includes jobs in the area of hospitals, the environment, and human services. The Government is not making any more positions available.

"Communications majors

will have a triple hard time finding a job in their field," stated Sherman. "Except for graduates who will be entering the multimedia side of the business." Massachusetts is the second leading state for demand on people with those skills and talents. When a company starts to do poorly, one of the first expenses cut is advertising. This affects Graphic design majors who work on magazines, billboards, or other such public displays. Television and radio commercial advertising is cut, therefore jobs will be cut.

Sherman adds that Fitchburg State College has an extremely high percentage of alumni who are employed full time. For example, 83% of alumni from the

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## Get involved with Washington D.C.

by Sonja Randall  
News Editor

U.S. and International students are spending a semester exploring career options and applying what they have learned in the classroom.

Researching defense issues, tracking down crime-scene witnesses, or planning an after-school program for disadvantaged youth are all in a day's work for these students interning in Washington D.C. Monuments, museums, ethnic restaurants, festivals, and the capital of the United States ensure that every aspect of a semester in D.C. is unforgettable.

The Institute for Experiential Learning (IEL) is the organization that makes this internship possible. Once a student has applied and been accepted, he or she completes an intern profile, which provides insight into thier goals and interests. The IEL staff then circulates the student's application to potential agency

sponsors throughout Washington. Finally, students conduct telephone interviews with two or more potential agency sponsors before choosing the internship site that meets their individual needs.

Kristina Coluccio, a senior political science major at Stockton State College in New Jersey, interned last semester at the American Council of Young Political Leaders. "I made a lot of contacts," said Coluccio. "[IEL] is a great program because they treat you on an individual level. I had a problem with who they first placed me with so I gave them a call and within one week they changed me to a different one."

Current placements range from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the National Women's Law Center to Olympic Soccer '96 to congressional offices. IEL maintains listings for thousands of diverse organizations and continually seeks out more.

IEL students intern four days per week. They also attend two seminars taught by IEL faculty. The Experiential Education Seminar links theory to practice, and the second course, an elective, varies by term.

To ensure that students have a safe, comfortable experience while interning, IEL offers affordable optional housing. Students can choose to live with other IEL interns in apartments that are convenient to life's necessities. The apartment complex offers such amenities as a swimming pool, exercise room, movie nights, weekly brunch, and special events.

Former IEL students are serving as congressional aides, preparing to become lawyers, anchoring the morning news, and opening political fundraising businesses. IEL will accept applications until April 1. Undergraduates, recent graduates, and graduate students are welcome. Call 1-800-IEL-0770 for more information.

## Youth Vote '96: Make your vote count

by John Schell  
Contributing Writer

Back in grade school, when our teacher would talk about the election, I asked myself, What is an election? Who are these people on TV asking people to vote for them? What is a Democrat? What was a Republican? and why did one have an elephant and the other a mule or donkey?

During the weekend of February 16th I was able to attend the Youth Vote '96 kick off seminar at the John F. Kennedy School of Politics on the campus of Harvard University. Among the cherry wood forum rooms, the plush presidential carpeting, and the men and women in business attire, I found myself asking the same questions.

My questions were answered and I discovered why the youth vote (ages 18-30) is so important. We constitute 35% of the voting population that has the power to change the direction our Government is heading in.

There is a problem. A majority of the youth vote is not registered to vote, and those who are registered do not vote. Why? We count for something. We have a right that is now celebrating 25 years, the 24th Amendment. This has given us the right to vote since age 18. Why are we not taking advantage of this american right?

The youth of America have impacted the vote process twice in the past 25-years, 1992 and 1967.

At the seminar George Stephanopoulos of the White House press corporation spoke about how the government needs to become nonpartisan and work harder with the issues at hand. Yet, he plugged the President for all he has done.

Henry Wu, who was locked in chinas prison system for 19-years on the charges and conviction of being a spy in China also spoke. Dr. Wu is now a U.S. citizen and continues to advocate a free democratic lifestyle in China.

Finally, those in attendance heard Marshall Ganz, a former Harvard student, spoke. He left the Ivy League to join the Freedom Movement in the south and later worked in California for the Civil Rights of the migrant farm workers. Twenty years later Ganz has returned to Harvard as a student and a professor. He continues to fight for the youth of America so that our generation can be heard loud and clear, and hopes that our votes will be made, counted and heard.

The bottom line is that no matter what background, what race, creed, or color, Ivy League or Softball League, Harvard or Fitchburg State, we, the Youth of America, the 35% of the red, white, and blue, have a right to vote. We need to know the issues. We need to know the people running for offices that control our government.

We count, so be counted.

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## Lottery process starts today

by Anna Allen  
Editor-in-Chief

With Spring Break approaching many of us have forgotten that it is time for the Townhouse Lottery to begin.

The final Information session is being held tonight at 6:00 in the pub. Lottery applications will be available at the meeting. All groups applying should have five on-campus members to which a point system will be assigned.

The following is a list of the lottery rules:

1.) A student must be an on-campus resident at the time of the Townhouse Lottery Application in order to be eligible.

2.) A resident may not sign up with several groups; any groups sharing the same applicant will be disqualified.

3.) Each member of the group will be assigned points based on class standing, as defined by the Registrar's Office, and on current residency in the Townhouses. Points will be assigned as follows:

5 points - current juniors with 60+ credits

3 points - current sophmores with 31-59 credits

1 point - current freshman with

0-30 credits.

1 additional point for any student currently living in the Townhouses.

\* All credits do not include the credits that you are currently earning this semester.

\*\* Whatever class standing is recorded by the registrar's office on the application due date is the criteria by which a resident will receive points.

Groups become eligible for choosing a townhouse based upon their point totals. The group with the highest point total will choose first. Any groups having equal point totals will be assigned a number by Residence Life that will determine their order of selection.

Applicants will be notified of their outcome in the lottery through campus mail when the college re-opens following Spring Break.

Each group selected to choose a townhouse must be present on Townhouse Assignment Day; March 20th at 3:30 pm in Residence Life of Aubuchon Hall. At this time a group, if all members are present, will be allowed to select any available Townhouse designated for it's gender. If you are unable to attend you MUST sign a proxy prior to assignment day. Any 5-person group miss-



ing a member without a proxy will be disqualified.

Townhouses available for selection are as follows:

5-person Townhouses = 3

6-person Townhouses = 20

7-person Townhouses = 2

9-person Townhouses = 1

Each group should have at least one or two alternative on-campus residents who are ready to pay their room reservation fee and complete a housing contract on Assignment Day. For example, if a group wanted a 5-

person townhouse and none were vacant they could pull in another person and fill a vacant 6-person Townhouse.

Extra spaces may be left open. However, Residence Life will fill these vacancies with people from the waiting list.

Any on-campus resident who would like to be considered for a Townhouse vacancy for the upcoming academic year may add his/her name to the Townhouse waiting list beginning Tuesday April 16th '96 at Residence Life in Aubuchon Hall.

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Announcements should be short, including dates, places, times and a contact person.

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## SGA Minutes

Excerpt from SGA minutes 2-13-96

The following is an excerpt from the minutes of a Student Government Association (SGA) meeting on February 13, 1996. All full-time undergraduate students are members of SGA and are encouraged to attend weekly meetings held on Tuesdays at 6:30 in G-05. A complete account of the minutes can be found in the SGA office.

### III. Correspondence

Darrow gives a verbal correspondence from Dr. Budd to the new council members asking them to meet with him at 6:15 pm next Tuesday evening to learn Parliamentary procedure.

### IV. Executive Reports

Election packets are available until February 23rd when they will be due back by Noon. Voting will be on March 5th, 6th, and 7th. Ballots will be counted on March 7th at 7 pm. Results will be posted on Friday, March 8th.

\*President-Everyone must show up for office hours...it is very important. People who have missed three or more office hours will be brought before the Executive Board for review. Met with President Riccards and Mike Rivard and will hopefully be getting a rundown of where the supposed \$50,000+ for scholarships for returning students is.

### V. Class Reports

\*Class of '99—Working on the Convocation Awards. Printing and sending out the question sheet this week. Met with their

advisor and they are going to be putting up something on the TV screens and putting up some posters, etc. to get out the word about Convocation. Ross went to the dinner last week that was sponsored by SGA for African-American History Month. Some minority professors spoke and there was a great turnout. They had expected about 40 people but over 60 people showed up...they even ran out of food and had to go get more!

\*Class of '98—Met with advisor, Jim Dupont, and they decided to find out more about what's going on with other clubs and organizations as a part of their springtime schedule. Each member of the class has been assigned to a particular club or organization to follow up with and they hope to help anyone who needs it, etc. They are also working with MASSPIRG for their survey for the '96 Youth Vote, etc. They also spoke with Ellen Servetnick about having a possible parent-student weekend instead of a junior trip. The company that does Survival kits called to find out if they were a go for next year.

\*Class of '97—The suggestion box is up. They are now working on letting people know that it is there. Survival kits are in the works. Thinking of a possible day trip to NYC in April. There is a ski trip scheduled for St. Patrick's day weekend. The price range is \$160 per person, \$250 per couple. They are also trying to schedule a meeting with their class advisor. The plans for the film and art festivals are still in the works.

\*Class of '96—Nothing to report.

XI. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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class of 1993, who responded to the poll, are employed full time, and 74% of the working respon-

dents report satisfaction with their jobs. "Not too many other colleges can claim such results."

"Books, unlike the pages of [newspapers], have the time and the space to probe beneath the surface and lift us above the crush of the day's events to draw deeper lessons."

-Kati Marton  
Journalist, author 1995

## President's Box

President Riccards wants to hear from you. If you have a question, concern, suggestion, or comment for President Riccards please put it on a piece of paper and send it to *The Strobe*. All mail we receive will be forwarded to President Riccards and answered in the weekly President's box.

## Total Quality Team releases responses

HERE ARE SOME RESPONSES TO THE SUGGESTIONS/OPINIONS THAT THE TOTAL QUALITY TEAM (TQT) SUBCOMMITTEE RECEIVED:

198- Provide Curtains for ladies locker room dressing rooms.

Ans- We are not funded to purchase curtains. - Arthur Trenoweth/Facilities

215- More open computer labs are needed on campus and more tutors for science and other courses.

Ans- We recognize the need for additional computer facilities for students to use. We need to use these facilities for teaching courses and as open labs will continue to provide more computers across all hours of the day. - Dr. Shirley Wagner/Academic Affairs

218- The ladies rooms in the Conlon Arts Building need the door handles lowered for handicap accessibility.

Ans- We are constantly seeking funding for upgrades to accessibility issue. Call us for further information and to address your concerns. - Arthur Trenoweth/Facilities

235- College students should receive the financial aid promised to them and receive it in a timely manner.

Ans- Ms. Jennifer Collins, Director of Financial Aid will be happy to meet with you and re-

solve your problems (call 665-3422). - Dr. Charles Ratto/Student Affairs

237- Academic advisors should spend more time preparing students.

Ans- Complaints about academic advisors not providing sufficient advising should be addressed first to the department chair of your major and then to me. The Advising Center is open 8:00-4:4:30 Monday through Friday and can answer your most important questions about academic advising. The Registrar's office will also provide assistance. The task force on Enrollment Management Services has received a number of good suggestions to improve advising and other student suggestions can also be made to my office. - Dr. Shirley Wagner/Academic Affairs

240- Put a lounge similar to G-Lobby on the second floor in between the Conlon Industrial Arts and the Conlon Music Building.

Ans- A great suggestion! We will check the fire code issue to see if it is feasible, and if so, we will proceed. - Arthur Trenoweth/Facilities

242- There should be more organization for room and class registration. More money should be paid for books during book buy-backs.

Ans- I am a member of the Enrollment Services Task Force Committee. We are in the pro-

cess of revising the Registration process. - Donna Foley, Registrar

244- Allow students more freedom to choose their activities of enjoyment.

Ans- Could the person who made this suggestion please clarify what they mean by freedom to choose activities so we can respond. - From TQT Suggestion Box Subcommittee

245- The dining common should be open to as late as 8:30

Ans- The hours that the Holmes Dining Commons operates are set each year in coordination with the Food Service and other campus offices. The cost of the meal plans for students may be impacted by the hours that we are open. This year we identified a need and made the decision to be open from 11:15 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. an increase of 2 1/2 hours each day, Monday thru Friday. This was done to accommodate class schedules between meals, and to help with the athletic practices. Adding 2 additional hours of service until 8:30 p.m. could potentially add as much as \$30,000 to the cost of the program. Next semester the Food Committee would be the ideal place to bring your need for varied or additional hours, as we begin to look at the program for 1996-97 Academic Year. - From Mike Lee, DAKA

247- Let the Gavaliers back on campus.

## International voice reawakened

by Joanna Karamanos  
Contributing Writer

After a semester of inactivity, the Fitchburg State College International Student Union will be reinstated this month.

The Union was dismantled last year due to a lack of publicity. In their attempt to regain recognition from the Student Government's Association (SGA), current members will be holding elections within the next two weeks.

Their goal is to provide a voice on campus for the growing International student population. According to Tobe Macleod, Secretary for the International Education Office, there are currently 64 undergraduate and 24 graduate students from foreign countries studying at FSC. These students represent approximately 18 different countries including Japan, Taiwan, Colombia, Haiti, Panama, Germany, Greece, Norway, Lithuania, and India.

The International Student Union wishes to provide assistance to new International Students, as well as promote multicultural interaction and programs on campus.

The Union will be aided and advised by the coordinator of the International Education Office, Christina Sosa, and Ms. Macleod.

Ans- The process of re-recognition of Student Organizations once recognition is lost is outlined on page 80 of the 1995-96 Fitchburg State College Student Handbook and Academic Planner. - Ellen Servetnick, Student Activities/Campus Center

249- The facilities in the gym need a good cleaning and to be more sanitary.

Ans- We disagree. The upkeep of this facility, considering the age and usage of the building, is second to none. We never get funded for shower curtains. A recent inspection of the area showed normal wear and tear. Call Ext. 3119 should you want to pursue this further. - Arthur

Trenoweth/Facilities

250- To help eliminate the recent TV/VCR larcenies on campus, perhaps a security device that would beep when attempting to remove the equipment from a building could be attached to the equipment.

Ans- The cost of such a system would be cost prohibitive because of the vast number of sensors that would have to be installed (every exit on campus). Also, VCR's are moved around campus for courses, so the system would have to be disabled. VCR's can also be easily passed out of an open window to bypass such a system. - Bob Wilson/Image Systems

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# FEATURES

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## Police Log

Sunday, February 11, 1996

-DISPERSAL One male from Thompson Hall.

-RECOVERED MOTOR VEHICLE Stolen car recovered on North Street. Fitchburg Police notified.

Monday, February 12, 1996

-LARCENY Of personal property reportedly taken from Edgerly Hall.

-MEDICAL CALL Female suffering from an asthma attack transported to Burbank Hospital by ambulance.

-REQUEST FOR POLICE Local kids running around the commuter cafe. Gone upon our arrival.

-MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATION Male stopped on Authority Drive for speeding. Additional offenses included not having a license in his possession and failure to display a number plate.

-RECOVERED PROPERTY Stolen property recovered and returned to owner.

Tuesday, February 13, 1996

-BREAKING & ENTERING To a room in Mara Village. Property in excess of \$280 taken.

-REQUEST FOR POLICE Front door of Aubuchon having locking problems. Officer responded.

-NOISE COMPLAINT Loud yelling reported at Mara Village apartment. Found to be prank call.

Wednesday, February 14, 1996

-SUSPICIOUS PERSON Male seen checking out cars parked in the Ross St. Lot. Person ran upon seeing cruiser.

-REQUEST FOR POLICE Great amount of water flowing down the fire lane of Aubuchon Hall. Fire sprinkler pump on, the gas fumes, and noise from the pump were disturbing residents.

-FIRE ALARM At Mara Village caused by burnt food.

-MEDICAL CALL Male student slipped on ice on the Quad and was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

Thursday, February 15, 1996

-LARCENY Of over \$250 taken from Holmes Dining Commons.

-MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT Hit & Run with minor damage reported at McKay School.

-DISPERSAL Three local youths from the Campus Center.

-MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT Hit & Run with damage over \$1000 to car parked in the Highland Ave. IA Lot.

-ARREST Keith Parry, age 30, of 8 Park Street, Fitchburg on a warrant.

Friday, February 16, 1996

-VANDALISM Of a window in the Hammond Building G-Lobby.

-FIRE ALARM Alarm activated by someone discharging a fire extinguisher in Russell Towers.

-DRUG VIOLATION Contraband confiscated by RD in Russell Towers, turned over to Public Safety.

-REQUEST FOR POLICE Fight in progress reported in front of Russell Towers. Gone upon our arrival.

-DISTURBANCE Two local youths causing problems in G-Lobby. Parents of the children were called and came and took their kids home.

Saturday, February 17, 1996

-NOISE COMPLAINT Residents of Town Houses asked to keep the noise down.

-BREAKING & ENTERING Car parked in Upper Weston Lot broken into. Stereo taken.

-SUSPICIOUS ACT Noise complaint at ball field of McKay School. Found to be a fraternity meeting.

-VANDALISM To a car parked in the Upper Weston Lot.

### Announcement

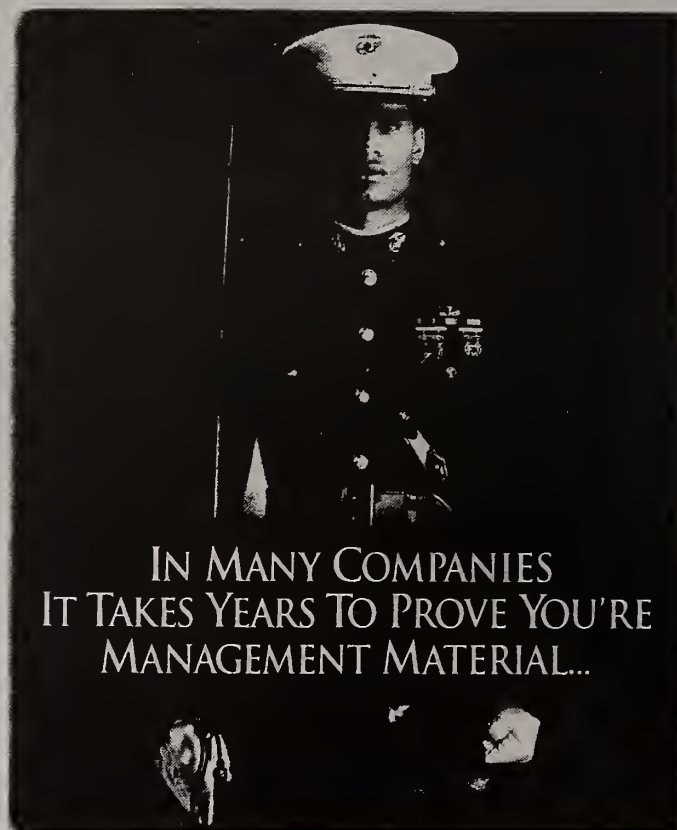
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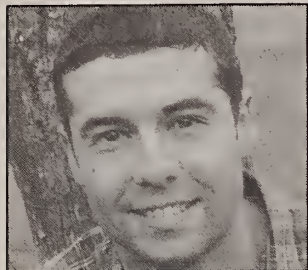
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## Do I stress you out?



by Ronald K. Taupier  
Opinion Editor

For Sarah Devens it was uncommon and tragic to have free time, but that was the way that she enjoyed her life. The Dartmouth college junior enjoyed playing three collegiate sports: field hockey, ice hockey and lacrosse. Her stamina and enthusiasm to participate and excel in these sports, two of which she would have captained, were uncanny. It was as if she got her strength from the sticks she wielded to score goals and defend opponents. They were her weapons on the playing field and her source of power on campus. They were her *magic wands*.

What happened to Sarah Devens doesn't just happen at Ivy League schools, it can happen anywhere. The ability to deal with stress takes great practice. To some, dealing with stress is easy, others feel helpless when faced with pressure or free time, not knowing what to do with oneself.

This was the way Sarah was. She was uncomfortable with free time, always wanting to play sports and please everyone. Sarah was the best woman athlete that Dartmouth College had ever seen. She was modest, shying away from the spotlight as if it would melt away her talents and

make her forget why she was going from the ice to the field to play sports. She probably didn't have enough time to check her stats. But this didn't matter anyway, she knew why she was working so hard, and she probably knew how many goals she had scored last season.

Sarah's power and magic ran out her junior year though, as she took her own life with a .22-caliber rifle shot to her chest. This was one shot that all her peers and family will never forget. Sarah Devens was the victim of college stress.

We have all felt college stress

**"This was one shot that all her peers and family will never forget. Sarah Devens was the victim of college stress."**

at one time or another. You're uncertain whether your new roommate will like you. You have a painful midterm exam. You are having difficulty with your girlfriend or boyfriend. Your demanding schedule is eating away at your social life and leaves you little time with your own thoughts. But hey, this is college, you are young, resilient, energetic, right? This doesn't make any of us "college kids" invincible. We are all subject to stressors that can make our lives unbearable. To contain these stressors is an arduous task. For Sarah Devens it was one the one task that she couldn't conquer. Perhaps it was her failure to make the women's national ice

hockey team, which will debut at the 1998 Olympics (Sports Illustrated, July 1995), that pushed her out of bounds. This is a dream for any athlete, but for Sarah it was on her "life agenda."

My life agenda consists of getting a job in May when I am thrust into the corporate world. Other students at FSC are facing a similar anxiety. It is now time to analyze how stress and affliction affect all of us. We must learn to deal with it, and even better, manage it. We should realize the origin of our strength, be proud of it, and know that we are doing our best. We must realize that we cannot be all things to all people, even if it means letting a few people down along the way. There is just too much in life to celebrate.

There are plenty of activities to relieve stress and help in this celebration. Destroy unwanted kitchen accessories in a violent fashion (a personal favorite), take a walk or a light jog, talk to a close friend at Dunkin Donuts at 3:30 in the morning about nothing in particular, or just take a step back from it and look at what you have accomplished. Most of us would be surprised. Let's not allow pressure and anxiety to eat away at us.

Maybe it was the expectations Sarah placed on herself that led to her suicide in 1994. Or perhaps death was the only true way to slow down this fierce competitor. In any event, be it a lesson to all of us here in college: Slow down, relax, work hard for attainable goals...and never doubt the power of your *magic wand*.

## FSC can train you, but it can't make you think

by Shawn O'Malley  
Contributing Writer

Fitchburg State is running away to join the circus, President Michael P. Riccards guarantees it. The free training guarantee for graduates unprepared for employment is the same one that prompted the attention of the *National Inquirer* when it was first announced. Simply put, employers will be able to send FSC graduates "back to school" for retraining if their training is deficient.

The equivalence of higher learning with employment training is the crux of this guarantee. Will the future English Department be the "Keyboard Proficiency" Department?

President Riccards' guarantee addresses, in standard American political rhetoric, a fundamental issue. Is there still modern value in the study of the current apocalyptic curriculum, or has the time come for the industrialization of education? Is there employment training value in learning that the bloody French revolution was immediately preceded by massive deficit spending and attempts to force the wealthy classes, through higher taxes to save their country from bankruptcy?

What employer needs their employees to know that when tribes of Meso-Americans were certain that their dominance was imminent, their suicide and abortion rates skyrocketed? If a college awakens, enlightens, and opens a mind, has that mind been trained for employment properly?

The threat implicit, and the pattern apparent in these little bits of history certainly suggest that the common good could best be served by putting down the podium and picking up the whip and chair. In the words of William Temple, "the only way to make (the poor) temperate and industrious is to lay them under the necessity of laboring all the time...in order to procure the common necessities of life." These words remain the tried and true graduate guarantee.

## Letter to the Editor... Honor those who try to better themselves

by Rebecca Gill

I appreciated your tourist's view on the homeless in the streets of Boston. However, having lived in Boston for a year, I have quite a different view. I lived on Beacon Street long enough for the homeless to "become as much a part of the Boston experience as is the common street performer," yet not long enough to feel safe or comfortable with these people. In a normal day, I would pass by at least twenty different homeless people, some familiar, and some new to me. They would blatantly approach me with some bizarre story of their destruction, or they'd simply yell at me. Always begging for money.

Most of the homeless did tear at my heart strings, but not all. Some became repetitive, they'd work the same route asking for money when you'd already said no five times. If you did spare your precious pocket change, they would often take your donation and ignore you as though you owed it to them.

The homeless that help themselves should not be allowed to "fade into the scenery." There is a newspaper in Boston called "Spare Change," which is written and sold on the streets by the homeless for one dollar. The publication is taken care of by a generous staff of all financial backgrounds. I would often buy many copies of the same

monthly paper because I was absolutely sure that my money would be used wisely. Sometimes I didn't even read the paper, I just rejoiced in knowing that I was helping to make a difference in the life of a homeless people who were trying to help themselves. I would not, however, give money or even a sympathetic glance to the drunken man in the subway; he'll drink his money and be in the same

**"Let's honor those (homeless) who try to better their situation through their own efforts."**

spot the next day.

I do know where you are coming from. I felt the same way as you when I first moved to Boston. But one has to draw the line somewhere. I don't consider myself cruel or hardened because of my unwillingness to help these people, rather, I consider myself logical. Let's not honor those who expect the world to pick them up and make them rich. Rather, let's honor those who try to better their situation through their own efforts, those who sell newspapers on the streets and become involved in homeless programs, trying to give to their community hoping that their community will give to them.

## Reformed? And Released?

by Maxine Polynice  
Contributing Writer

In 1993, the famous boxer Mike Tyson, AKA "Iron Mike," was jailed on rape charges. The boxing champ did not spend the entire sentence in a jail cell. Through monetary power, his charges were reduced and his victim was given an undisclosed settlement. Forgotten for a few months, the boxer was finally released.

Sound absurd? It gets worse. Now a free man, he supposedly underwent change while in prison. When the pictures of Mike Tyson filled the television screens of America he remained idolized by his loyal fans. It would seem that his fame justified his right to an expedient trial and innocence. Other publicity tools were deployed to evidence the fact that the champion went through change. Islam was now

the religion of choice, his new girlfriend filled the tabloids. Thus far the pieces of the puzzle appear to succeed in shadowing his recent wrongdoing.

Is there really change within this man? Is this the same man that, according to the media, beat his former wife Robin Givens?

**"There is a tendency to forgive celebrities since they represent what many people aspire to be."**

There is a tendency to forgive celebrities since they represent what many people aspire to be. A segment of the population wasn't considered in this clement attitude towards the champ, women. The message is clear

to females: The rich or the successful, despite their infractions with the law, never receive full punishment. A second message made them wonder about the justice system.

Under the reign of the prophet of Islam (Muhammad) many violent men are transformed into kind-hearted, responsible, strong and productive members of society. Does this mean that Mike Tyson has indeed changed? The religion of peace has many reformatory capabilities that are well known within the prison system in America. At the moment the rapist label doesn't fit "Iron Mike's" new attitude. However, only time will predict if the champ is really a better man. He will have to confront his own vulnerability, that being his ninth grade level of education, as well as his hormones.

# Student Poll College dating is a thumbs down

Recently, the Strobe staff conducted student poll with the spotlight on the quality of education we asked fellow students the following question:

Who has been your most inspirational professor here at FSC and why?

Mike Doherty, '97: "I've had a couple inspirational professors. Dr. Rapp (Special Education) was an awesome guy. He taught Intro to Special Needs and he was just amazing. He was amazing in that he was blind, and the things he could do without sight were incredible. Professor Coffman (Social Science) was also great. I don't like History but I liked going to his class. He made Early Christianity interesting. I think that class was an

of her energy, cares about the students. You can tell that she loves the work she does and this emanates to her students. She encourages you and you look forward to doing the projects she assigns in class."

Glen Mularella, '97: "Professor Caroline Murphy (Economics). She has helped out a lot with my internship work, trying to push



me to get a double major. She is real interested in me being the best I can and successful. She goes the extra yard for you. When you see her on campus she will stop to say "hi." She is just really concerned."

Julie Ford, '98: "I have had a few good ones. Dr. Patterson (Humanities). He always is considerate and understanding. He made music easy with clear study sheets. He is just generally a nice person to visit."

Debbie Mota, '97: Professor Sibyl Brownlee (Social Science). I had her sophomore year for History, which is my worst subject. She realized that I was getting most of my credit on the essay portion of my tests. So she made a separate exam just for me. She always took note of her students and was very caring."



eight-thirty too."

Prudence Boulanger, '97: "Dr. Higdon (Mathematics). He makes math fun and more understandable. He is my advisor and is always willing to help outside the classroom."

Heather McFadden, '97: "Professor Leann Erickson (Communications/Media) is the type of person that would give her time up for you, always gives 110%

by Scott Gomes  
Managing Editor

Remember on *Happy Days* when getting a date was as easy as snapping your fingers? Well maybe not that easy unless you were the Fonzy, but the point is still the same. You go out to the diner, have a burger, go dancing and have a good night only to do it again the next night. No commitment, no expectations, no complications. Doesn't anyone do that anymore, especially on a college campus?

Today the typical date consists of a nice guy going to meet a girl in her dorm room so he can escort her to a lively keg party where an obscene amount of alcohol will be consumed. Then they stagger home, he puts her to bed, and calls the next morning to compare hangovers. If he

never makes it home, who knows what might ensue?

Another typical scenario emerges when a guy meets a girl in a class, function, club etc. Hey, it could even be your former R.A. They like each other a lot and spend some substantial time together. Did I say some? I mean all of their time together because they both live in on campus, therefore each have a permanent roommate. Actually they spend so much time together their friends assume that they have dropped off the face of the planet. Am I the only one that notices this?

There are more down sides to relationships on campus, such as your third roommate doesn't contribute anything but a mess to the living area. Also, why don't they ever trust you?

Ok what about the Pros of a relationship on campus? Well there is always the free laundry at Aubuchon. Alternate places to sleep during those damn fire alarms. Chances of getting a car or ride are doubled. As mentioned before you get to see each other more often than not. Guest meals at DAKA, hey it's better then starving.

What am I getting at you ask? Dating in the late 90's sucks! It is hard just to find someone to go out with on a simple date. A relationship should not have to take all of your time. A date should not mean that you cannot see other people without date number one getting all bent out of shape about it. A date should just be, go out get a burger, good night see you tomorrow. End of story.

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# For Colored Girls hits the stage tonight

by Kathy Geoghegan  
Associate Editor

The play is called *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf*. Starting tonight, and running through the weekend, the lights will go down, the curtain will come up, and the seven FSC students performing this choreopoem will take the stage at Weston Auditorium under the guidance of experienced director Marla Blakey.

As director and choreographer, Blakey has worked with an impressive variety of people in her career. Sammy Davis Jr., Bette Midler, Cab Calloway, and Lou Rawls are only a few of the many interesting people she has been fortunate enough to work with.

"Even as a little girl, I was always putting on shows and dancing and stuff like that, so I'm going to assume that it was my calling to do this," said Blakey. She attended Jeremiah Burke High School in Boston. Two months after graduation, a producer looking for showgirls came to the dance studio where she was taking classes. With permission from her parents, she went to Atlantic City for the summer to do a show.

"I did the show and really got the bug, this was a big time show. I mean we were doing shows at all hours of the night, there were hundreds of people in the audience, we were dressed

in feathers, a huge orchestra was there and everything," said Blakey. She continued with that show for a few years then decided to pull together her own dance troupe. Years later, with her own dancers, she was travelling through Europe performing at various clubs.

Blakey adamantly states that her career would not have been possible without the understanding of her parents. She regrets not having the chance to express her gratitude before they passed away. "I have pains every day of my life in regret that I didn't do more, or say more to them. If this message can get to any kids, if your parents are supporting you, you have to find a way of respecting them," said Blakey.

Noticing her desire to perform "For Colored Girls" Blakey's mother provided the emotional and financial support needed to achieve this. This was the last major project that her mother, who died two months later, saw her perform.

"I have no regrets about being in this career because I think that you must do what you want to do some kind of way. Find a way to make it happen," said Blakey. Being in Hollywood was a lot of pressure for Blakey. At 23 she owned her own dance studio. She was responsible for eight or nine other dancers. Traveling to colleges, prisons, and art festivals were valuable experiences for her, but they were never quite enough.

At 23, Blakey heard that Quincy Jones possibly had a job for her. She closed up the dance studio, left the company, sold all of her furniture, and moved to California with about five hundred dollars in her pocket. After about a month she was hired by Donna Summer, a fellow Alumnus from high school, to perform in a new show.

From this point, Blakey went from Donna Summer, to Bette Midler, Aretha Franklin, and others. Upon entering the music video scene she was hired as the director of ZZ Top's videos. After staging and choreographing ZZ Top's first three videos, Blakey went on to work with Sting, David Bowie, Rick James, Denice Williams, De Barge, and many others.

"As many people say, Hollywood isn't all that it's cracked up to be, which is why I'm not there anymore. After 13 years, the hustle was a little much. I missed the family. I couldn't stand the air, it was filthy. Just the whole scene, there was something missing," said Blakey.

"Stars have a tremendous amount of pressure on them. They are constantly being invaded. They aren't much different than us... except they make a lot more money than we do," said Blakey.

In 1989, FSC English professor Dr. Pally saw *For Colored Girls* in Martha's Vineyard. He tracked down Blakey to see if she would be interested



Working hard at rehearsal

in bringing the play to our school. So now, she is here transforming seven students into their roles for the stage. Blakey said the play is a bit like *Waiting to Exhale* because it is about women. *For Colored Girls* is about black women because writer Ntozake Shange, an African American female, wrote about her own experiences in the 1970's.

It is necessary, as in other cultures, to maintain some of our art and history. This is a play written by an incredible black writer. It has been on Broadway for nearly 30 years. It is impor-

tant to respect what Shange wanted, what her vision for the play was, and to keep it that way so it will go down in history as a wonderful piece of black art," said Blakey.

These seven women may be angry with me for constantly being on their butts and fussing with them all the time, but I just pray that when it is all said and done that they will think back on this and something that I said, something that I did, or something that I helped them do will help them in life. That's the most important thing," said Blakey.

## "For Colored Girls" Schedule



For Colored Girls opens today. The scheduled performances are as follows:

February 28th: 8:00pm Weston Auditorium

February 29th: 8:00pm Weston Auditorium

March 1st: 8:00pm Weston Auditorium

March 2nd: 8:00pm Weston Auditorium

March 3rd: 2:00pm Weston Auditorium

## Japanese animation takes another crack

Film Review \*\*

*Ghost in the Shell*  
by Memo Salazar  
Staff Writer

The problem with Japanese Animation in this country is two-fold. On one hand, the majority of adults still believe that drawn books or motion pictures are for children. Their brains will simply not allow any serious consideration of the work. Unfortunately, the creators of such works are not helping.

Although Japanese Animation plays like a beautiful stylistic hybrid of classical Japanese storytelling and modern Western conventions, almost every work produced panders to a small but loyal crowd of role-playing, Sci-Fi watching males who, like Peter Pan, do not want to grow up.

The disappointing result is big-eyed, large-breasted, scantily-clad girls with tons of technology thrust upon them as they bounce around a futuristic Tokyo shooting whatever technological monsters that appear before them. Of course, this is not always the case, but invariably most people will find too many similarities between each

work to appreciate any other elements in the story.

*Ghost in the Shell*, is a highly anticipated and touted film produced by the creator of the popular *Dominion* and *Appleseed* titles. The story revolves around Major Motoko Kusanagi, a cyber-human agent working for the Internal Bureau, trying to capture a mystery hacker known as the Puppet Master. Meanwhile, the ministry of Foreign Affairs is also searching for this hacker because, as the viewers come to find out, it is not a person but a program created for espionage in the 'net.'

The problem is that this program has become self-aware (sounds new?!) and is trying to reach Motoko in order to join souls, or "ghosts" as cyber-souls are known, to create a new life form. The Puppet Master hopes that the life form can exist and reproduce in the net forever.

Sounds silly? Well, it is, but not any more ridiculous than every Action movie released by Hollywood over the last five years. The problem with *Ghost in the Shell* is that it bounces back and forth between the usual animal tricks and silly pontifications by the characters. They question the validity of our memories, the definition of life,

and other such philosophical questions which, between shootouts and poorly acted, dubbed voices, almost turn this into a cyber-comedy. It is like watching Gomer Pyle present a thesis on the theory of relativity.

There are some beautiful scenes here that belong on the big screen, yet despite all of its visual slickness, most of the story occurs verbally. Every time something happens, viewers do not see it, they see characters talking about "Section Six" or "Project 2501," leaving it to the audience to figure out what is going on. The story then advances with a string of chase scenes, and more plot advancement through bad dialogue. It is unfortunate since this film seems to be striving to escape the genre trappings which surround it.

Although it is entertaining enough to watch (did I mention the Funky music?) it probably will not compare with the other independent films showing at the new Kendall Square Cinema in Cambridge where it opens exclusively on March 1. If you really care about film as art, perhaps you should see one of those instead.

# Guenievere returns from the dead

by Rick Rodricks  
A&E Editor

Everyone knows that truth can be stranger than fiction. Sometimes, what is labeled as "truth" works better in the hands of a fiction writer than it does in a dull autobiography.

Take the new Pocket Books novel *Guinevere* for an example. In this book the reader gets a glimpse into Western legend using an Eastern vehicle. Reincarnation, a concept with a strong following in India, Tibet, and other Asian cultures, has many believers in this hemisphere seeking the truth about their past lives. Laurel Phelan, a therapist from Vancouver, penned the book *Guinevere: The True Story of One Woman's Quest for Her Past Life Identity and the Healing of Her Eternal Soul* to help spread the understanding of reincarnation, as well as to help people overcome fear and self-doubt.

The concept of reincarnation, like any esoteric philosophy, can neither be proved nor disproved by scrutiny, research, or analysis of fact. The truth, in this case, is therefore defensible. When Phelan explains her lives as Catherine Graham, an Eighteenth Century Irish Woman who accidentally killed her father, or Guynnefwar, the warrior who did not want to be a wife, she does so with enough conviction that readers can accept the stories as unpretentious truth.

The first chapter of the book skims quickly over one decade from the time Phelan was 21 until 1991 when a producer encouraged her to write a recollection of her life as the Queen of the Britons into a screenplay. There is mention of her involvement with hypnosis and regression therapy, as well as her pursuit for a career in opera singing, and as a therapist for other past life regressors.

"I cannot waste my life trying to convince people of who I am... I know who I am. I am a leader and a strategist."

Phelan's writing is simple and concise. Eight pages of introduction lead us quickly into the story of the life of Guynnefwar (Guinevere) as she recalls it through self hypnosis. Phelan also points out that she does not read other tales of Arthurian Legend because she does not want to alter the perception of her past life.

After two descriptive pages of the heartiness and pride of the Britons and the Celts, the story becomes personal. This novel is fascinating because of the author's conviction that she is seeing the world of Guynnefwar from the perspective of a Twentieth-Century

woman whose spirit exists dually within both places. For example, Phelan describes the birth of Guynnefwar with the feelings of a newborn and the comprehension of an adult. Readers should expect *Guinevere* to be a book that treats its subject with complete earnest, and offers a world unlike any which fiction writers can describe.

The characters from Arthurian Legend are here, Merlin, Arthur, Morganna, and their roles are well defined as players in the life of the heroine. The central figure in her life is her father, whose desires for his daughter seem to be the chief influence on the choices which Guynnefwar makes. Phelan alludes to the importance of her father in her present life, and the attachment of the young queen to Lord Penryth is reflected by her desire to become a leader of men, just like him.

The chief motivation in her life is her desire to become a leader. As a Celt, it is more acceptable for Guynnefwar to be treated as leader by her matriarchal people. Yet, when she marries Arthur, she finds it harder to influence his patriarchal Britons, and must take a subordinate role to her husband. After a period of depression, she makes a revelation, "I cannot waste my life trying to convince people of who I am... I know who I am. I am a leader and a strategist."

There is conflict as Arthur insists that he wants a woman to



Novellist Laurel Phelan is Guynnefwar

Press Photo

give him child, yet she does everything to avoid this. There is action as she leads a small battle against the Scots. There is tension because Morgana plots for an incestual affair with King Arthur, and Guynnefwar has affairs with Lancirius (Lancelot) and others. The story has a lot to offer its readers.

Phelan's vivid insight into the characters makes *Guinevere* a viable work, like *La Morte D'Arthur*, as a good source for Arthurian Legend.

Although it seems unbelievable, even laughable to 20th

Century Westerners, Phelan's delivery imparts valueable lessons. The reincarnation philosophy is a religion to many people, and its tenants hold messages of individual achievement and social responsibility. *Guinevere* gives these messages humble design, and exposes a unique form of therapy to any who would read it.

If Arthurian Legend or esoteric philosophy interests you, this book is an easy read which offers a lot of fascination with a minimum investment of time.

## Bonnie House opens "Travels"

Gallery Preview

by Rick Rodricks  
A&E Editor

While on sabbatical during the spring 1995 semester, Bonnie House traveled to Australia, Bali, Hawaii and New Zealand. Similarities and differences found in these beautiful, distant lands can be seen in an exhibit of watercolors. The show entitled, "Travels", opens in the Gallery of the Hammond Building on March 5 and runs through April 11.

Bonnie House, Associate Professor at FSC, Has taught graphic design and related courses since 1987. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1984 from Kutztown University and her Masters of Fine Arts from the Rochester Institute of Technology in 1987. Sparked

by illustration courses during her undergraduate studies, and extra curricular drawing and painting classes, Ms. House has pursued her interest in water color through summer workshops.

She has also participated in juried and solo shows in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maine, New Hampshire, Missouri, Massachusetts, and Greece. House's work hangs in both corporate and private settings. She has been invited to be the first exhibiting artist to open the new Art-ful Framer in West Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Her illustrations will appear in "Las Desobedientes: Mujeres de Nuestra America," edited by Maria Jarmillo. This book commemorates twenty-five South American women and is expected to be published in Columbia, South America.

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## Men's b-ball ends the season

by Brian Lamy  
Sports Editor

The Fitchburg State men's basketball team began and ended their post season play last Monday, February 20th at Worcester State College. The Falcons had defeated the Lancers earlier this month, but lost this time by a score of 89-70.

The Falcons matched the Lancers throughout the first quarter. When the halftime buzzer sounded the Falcons were ahead of the Lancers by 2

points, with a score of 36-34.

Worcester State came out strong in the second half and out scored the Falcons 55-34. The second half efforts on the part of Worcester state ended up winning the game for them, with a score of 89-70.

Jason Anderson and Mike Raimon had great games for the Falcons. Anderson led the team with 23 points, five assists, and six rebounds. Raimon followed him closely with 20 points, four rebounds, four assists, and five steals.

At the other end of the court John Bowler led the way for the Lancers with 22 points, three rebounds, three assists, and three steals. Worcester's second leading scorer was Adam Gallagher. Gallagher had 14 points, five rebounds, three assists, one block, and two steals.

The Fitchburg State men's basketball team ended the season with a regular season record of 10-15. The Falcons will be back next year looking to do even better

## Women's Track

Last Saturday the Fitchburg State College women's track team competed in the All New England Track Meet at Bowdoin College. At this meet athletes from divisions I, II, and III competed against each other. The results of the Fitchburg competitors are as follows.

Katie Brace placed 12th in the 400-meter dash with her personal best time of 61.07 seconds.

Wendy Gagliani broke the FSC record that she set last year when she scored 3233 points in the pentathlon.

The 4x200 meter relay team of Katie Brace, Stacy Barrett, Maryann Barrett, and Ashley Aube finished 14th with a time of 1:55.56.

## Wachusett Mt. Ski Report



As of Monday February 26 Wachusett Mountain ski area was skiing and boarding on 17 trails during the day and 16 trails under the lights at night. The mountain is groomed well and is experiencing spring-like conditions. The trails are serviced by all five lifts and there is terrain for all levels of experience.

The Falcons have earned themselves the 2nd seed in the ECAC North Central South Playoffs and will host St. Michaels in the first round tonight in the Civic Center at 7:30. Tickets will be \$4.00 adults and \$2.00 for students.

If the Falcons beat St. Michaels they will host a semi-final game Saturday at 7:30 in the Civic Center. Please come out and show your support!



## Female falcons retire until next year

by Brian Lamy  
Sports Editor

Owls won 79-25.

Dianne Horwath led the Falcons with 16 points, seven rebounds, one assist, and one block. Stacy Shanks and Becky Robidoux each had seven rebounds also.

The leading scorer for the Owls was Caitlin Foley. Foley had 14 points, seven rebounds, eight assists, and seven steals. Closely followed by Foley was teammate Mary Gibney, with 12 points, five rebounds, two assists, two blocks, and one steal.

The season is over for the Falcons now, but they will be back next year. Next year they will play a full season with their new coach Kathleen May and will be looking to improve upon this year's record.

The Fitchburg State women's basketball team unsuccessfully entered the post season last Monday at Westfield State. They squared off against the Westfield State Owls, one of the best teams in the league. Westfield State came out on top in front of their home crowd with a final score of 79-25.

The Owls took control right from the start, shooting .487 from the floor in the first half.

By the time the halftime buzzer sounded the Owls were on top 43-12.

The Owls continued their streak in the second half and out scored the Falcons 36-13. When the game was over the

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## Intramural Corner

by Brian Bicknell  
Intramural Director

As the indoor soccer season started all eyes were on the power house team of Grico.

Along with Grico the team consists of Chris Prouty, Scott Sorevson, and Chad Geis. The sky was the limit until they faced the feisty Crushers, led by John Toney and MVP Jason Richardson. Then, they were blown away by the finesse team of Hot Peppers. The Hot Peppers were led by high-scoring Nate Arnold. Grico only has two more games to rebound with before the playoffs start, however "Staff Infection" is dominating the B league.

The volleyball season begins this week with all eyes on the Volleying Swedes. They will be the team to beat. St. Cyr, Atrocities, and the Esoterics look to be strong contenders.

# Falcons make the playoffs

by Brian Lamy  
Sports Editor

Last week the Fitchburg State hockey team won two key games to make the Falcons the ECAC North Champs and the MASCAC Co-champs with Salem State.

The Falcons are now in the ECAC North, Central, South Playoffs.

The first of the Falcon's two key victories came against Nichols College last Tuesday night at the Wallace Civic Center. The Falcons managed to down the Bison 5-3 and Bill Mastrangelo recorded another hattrick in the victory.

"He is playing the best of any kid that I've ever had here," said coach Dean Fuller "He's just a joy to watch right now. He's giving it everything he has and it's just wonderful to see it happen."

The Falcons wasted no time in taking the early lead. They shut the Bison out in the first period 3-0. The first goal was put in the back of the net by Mastrangelo after Joe Centrella and Mark Pillsbury set him up.

The Falcon's second goal of the game came off the stick of Steve Baldassare with 6:08 remaining in the period. Centrella and Mastrangelo set him up nicely.

Mastrangelo's second goal of his hattrick was the final goal in the first period. Pillsbury and Centrella were in on this one too. Mastrangelo sent the puck past Nichols' goalie, Scott McLellan,

from right out front.

"They came out in the first ten minutes and they were flying. They looked unstoppable," said Fuller.

The Bison showed signs of life 2:17 into the second period. Mark Dorsey managed to score on a power play when Fitchburg goalie Aaron Abitz lost his stick. This goal made the score 3-1.

The Falcons did not score again until Centrella tucked one past McLellan with 21 seconds left in the period. Pillsbury and Mastrangelo were also in on the goal to assist Centrella, bringing the score to 4-1.

Nichols scored the first goal of the third period too. Dorsey scored his second goal of the game when he snuck one through the 5-hole of Abitz. This goal brought the score to 4-2.

Minutes later a diving Mark Pillsbury managed to get off a pass to Mastrangelo who scored the third goal of his hattrick on the breakaway. Mastrangelo's goal made the score 5-2.

Nichols scored their last goal of the game with 9:23 left in the period. Dorsey scored his third goal of the night to complete his hattrick when he redirected a shot past Abitz.

When the game ended, the Falcons had won by a score of 5-3 and were that much closer to becoming ECAC North Champs and MASCAC Co-champs.

The second key victory of the week came against the other FSC, Framingham State Col-

lege, Saturday afternoon in front of a full house at the Wallace Civic Center. This victory made the Falcons the ECAC North Champs and the MASCAC Co-champs with Salem State. The victory also insured them of a home game in the first round of the ECAC North, Central, South Championship Playoffs.

Before the game started the fans paid tribute to Seniors who were playing their last regular season home game. These players include Steve Baldassare, D.J. Conte, Dale Kimball, Bill Mastrangelo, Mark Pillsbury, Scott Reilly, and Pat Turner. Each of the Seniors received a round of applause from the crowd as they prepared to dominate Framingham State.

Dan Genatossio got things rolling for the Falcons in their 5-1 victory over Framingham. He flipped the puck over sprawling Framingham goalie John Bonney to light the lamp 6:28 into the first period. Kevin Lizotte and John Quinlan assisted Genatossio on the goal that put the Falcons up 1-0.

"It was key for us to come out and get that first goal," said Fuller.

Baldassare scored next for the Falcons. His power play goal was placed in the back of the net with 1:23 remaining in the first period. Genatossio and Damon Moore assisted Baldassare on his power play goal to make the score 2-0.

The Falcons picked up speed



in the second period. They came back out and scored two more goals before Framingham got a chance to score their first.

Mastrangelo scored the first of these two goals 8:48 into the second period. Mastrangelo received a pass from Moore in the defensive end, brought it all the way up the ice and lit the lamp to make the score 3-0.

Mastrangelo scored the second one too. This time he was set up by Centrella and Pillsbury. This goal not only made the score 4-0, but it put Mastrangelo in the record books. He is now the fifth leading scorer in FSC history with 160 career points.

Framingham snuck their only goal of the game past Abitz with 2:23 left in the second period. Savy Caruso and Rich Caprio set up Kris Stone off the rebound to make the score 4-1.

"Abitz has been playing solid," said Fuller "We have been trying to limit the scoring opportunities and play a little more conservative. It seems to be working down the stretch."

Fitchburg scored their last goal of the game 6:04 into the third period. Pillsbury scored the short-handed goal with the help of Mastrangelo. This final goal made the score 5-1.

"Now we are the regular season North Champs and the MASCAC Co-champs with Salem. It's been a pretty good afternoon so far," said Fuller.

The victory made the Falcons the MASCAC Co-champs and the ECAC North Champs. The Falcons will begin their run at the ECAC North, Central, South Championship tonight at 7:30pm in the Wallace Civic Center.

## Mastrangelo makes FSC history

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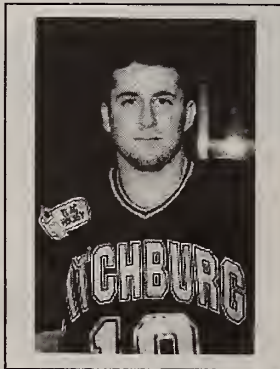
Fitchburg State College's athlete of the week is Bill Mastrangelo, one of the tri-captains of the championship winning hockey team.

Mastrangelo was on fire last week, coming off the big Salem State game in which he scored a hattrick. The Falcon's first opponents last week were the Bison of Nichols College. In that game Mastrangelo scored another hattrick and racked up two assists. Then on Saturday Mastrangelo made his place in history.

In Mastrangelo's last regular season home game against Framingham State on Saturday his efforts transformed into two goals and an assist. These points made Mastrangelo the fifth highest all time scorer in FSC history with 161 points. He bumped Steve Witkus down to sixth place with his 160 points.

"He is playing the best of any kid I've ever had here," said coach Dean Fuller "He is giving it everything he has and it is just wonderful to see it happen."

Mastrangelo will look to increase his point total tonight to start the playoffs of on the right skate. With Mastrangelo and the rest of the Falcons flying high the playoffs are looking good for Fitchburg.



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With the smell of spring beginning to flow through the air most people in the sports world are thinking about baseball and spring training, but not at Fitchburg State. Here at FSC the Athletic Department is thinking about the fall and how to improve upon the existing football program.

Over the past few seasons the Fitchburg State College football team has not done well. Their losses have outweighed their wins and because of this a change was made. On February 12, Chris Nugai was offered not only the job of new head football coach, but to be a staff assistant in the Athletic Department while not on the field. Nugai accepted this offer and began work last Wednesday February 21.

Nugai wants to turn FSC's football program around. He wants to get it pointed in the

right direction.

"I've learned from some people in the places I've been and I think I can lead these guys," said Nugai "We want to point ourselves in the right direction and put ourselves in a position to win football games."

Nugai has held coaching positions at numerous colleges and Universities, including Worcester State College, Kings College, PA, the University of Maine, and most recently at at Yale University. Nugai played ball in high school at Sacred Heart High School in Waterbury Connecticut, where his team won two City Championships. He then went on to play at Worcester State College.

Nugai was impressed after meeting with team members planning to return next year. In the meeting he explained how he wants things done and what he expects from the team.

"I hope to get 100%, everything they have, every day out of them and I'm going to give

them everything I've got," said Nugai.

As far as offense, Nugai is looking to create mismatches and do whatever it takes to win games. He wants to create three on two situations for receivers and run the short sides of the field. He also wants the team to be sound fundamentally, which is important no matter what sport you are playing.

On defense he does not want to see tackles being made down field. He wants the tackles as close to the line of scrimmage as possible. He wants his men to come up on the line of scrimmage and make lots of tackles.

"On defense I want guys who can lean and can run, find the ball and make sticks when they get there. Tackle one time," said Nugai.

When classes resume in the fall watch for the influence of the new man on campus. Nugai is out for wins and with some hard work he and the Falcons are sure to find some.

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